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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12Q1/68

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C12Q

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>ON S L W ET AL: "ASSESSMENT OF ENZYME DETECTION TESTS USEFUL IN IDENTIFICATION OF CAMPYLOBACTERIA" JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY, vol. 30, no. 3, 1992, pages 746-749, XP002307488 ISSN: 0095-1137 page 746, last paragraph; page 748, left-hand column</p> <p>-& LIOR H ET AL: "IMPROVED TOLUIDINE BLUE-DNA AGAR FOR DETECTION OF DNA HYDROLYSIS BY CAMPYLOBACTERS" JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY, vol. 25, no. 10, 1987, pages 2030-2031, XP002307489 ISSN: 0095-1137</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/-</p>	1, 31-33, 41, 51

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT – Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgeryclaims 39–40 encompass the possibility of a surgical step for the obtention of the sample.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - a sequence listing
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3. Additional comments:

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